

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 11, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM**

Prelude

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

L. L. Maynard

Invitation To Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

#321

Christ, when for us you were baptized
God's Spirit on you came
As peaceful as a dove, and yet
As urgent as a flame
As urgent as a flame

God called you, "My beloved Son"
the suff'ring servant true
Sent you the kingdom to proclaim
God's holy will to do
God's holy will to do

Straight-way and steadfast until death
You then obeyed God' call
freely as Son of Man to serve and
To give your life for all
To give your life for all

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord
Your cross on us be signed
That likewise in God's service we
May perfect freedom find
May perfect freedom find

Sharing a Sign of Peace

Announcements

Brian Dishong

Children Message

Liturgy

Epiphany II

Cassel (167, A)

Hail, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free,
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Born your people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through the prophets, God spoke and assured us that he would save all peoples, promising to show us his mercy and remembering his holy covenant. The prophets foretold that we would be free to worship him without fear, being made holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Swabia (582 K)

The everlasting Son
Incarnate stoops to be,
Takes on himself the servant's form
To set his people free.

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

(Sitting)

With the angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glorious name, praising you and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

We bless you,

We adore you,

We glorify you,

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Darwall (342 D)

We praise the Word made Flesh,
True God, true man is he;
We praise the Christ of God;
To whom all glory be!
We praise the Lamb that once was slain.
We praise the King that comes to reign!

Glory be to you, Lord our God; you have chosen us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, before the founding of the world.

You have given us such love, Father, that we should be called the children of God!

You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

You have rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.

You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, your Incarnate Son.

For the sake of the great love with which you love us, make us alive in Christ, our Lord.

God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

May we all be transformed into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another.

(Standing)

Vom Himmel Hoch (22 H)

The brightness of the light divine
Does now into our darkness shine;
It breaks upon our deepest night
And makes us children of the light.

The Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, who you delight in. “Behold, He comes,” says the Lord of hosts.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people, a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people, Israel.

Vom Himmel Hoch (22 H)

The Father's Son, forever blest,
Becomes in his own world a guest,
To lead us from all ill and strife
And into everlasting life.

R. Morrow, 2/2025

Sharing Cares of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Arise and Shine in Splendor
Women's Chorus

D. Von Campen

*Hymn of Dedication

Brightest and Best of the Stars (vs. 2)

#317

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn

When John Baptized by Jordan's River

#315

When John baptized by Jordan's river
in faith and hope the people came,
that John and Jordan might deliver
their troubled souls from sin and shame.
They came to seek a new beginning,
the human spirit's ageless quest,
repentance, and an end of sinning,
renouncing ev'ry wrong confessed.

There as the Lord, baptized and praying
rose from the stream, the sinless one,
a voice was heard from heaven saying,
"This is my own beloved Son."
There as the Father's word was spoken,
not in the pow'r of wind and flame,
but of his love and peace the token,
seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

O Son of man, our nature sharing,
in whose obedience all are blessed,
Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing,
hear us and grant us this request:
daily to grow, by grace defended,
filled with the Spirit from above;
in Christ baptized, beloved, befriended,
children of God in peace and love.

Scriptures

Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17

Message

Rev. Ian Edwards

*Closing Hymn

Water Has Held Us

#408

Water has held us,
moved by creation.
Out of dark chaos,
broke forth the light.
Up from the deluge,
showing God's promise,
has come a rainbow,
gladdening sight.

Water has saved us,
as the sea parted
for Israel's children,
walled on each side.
This love has led us,
helped us in trouble,
on far horizon,
God's cloud our guide.

Water has cleansed us,
bathed with forgiveness,
has, with clear blessing,
washed sin away.
Jordan's strong currents
God's Son announcing,
made a beginning,
baptismal day.

Water has touched us,
fresh on our foreheads,
showing an inward,
spiritual grace.
Into God's fam'ly,
we have been welcomed.
As sons and daughters,
we take our place.

***Benediction**

Postlude

As With Gladness, Men of Old

L. Larson

Anthem Text:

Arise and shine in splendor;
Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming;
The glory of the Lord is here.

Lift up your eyes in wonder—
See, nations gather yonder
From sin to be set free.
The world has heard Your story;
Her sons come to Your glory;
Her daughters haste Your light to see.

Your heart will leap for gladness
When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far.
Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

2026 Watchword Text for the Schoeneck Congregation

*“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known
to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.”*

2 Peter 1:16

** Please stand if you are able.*